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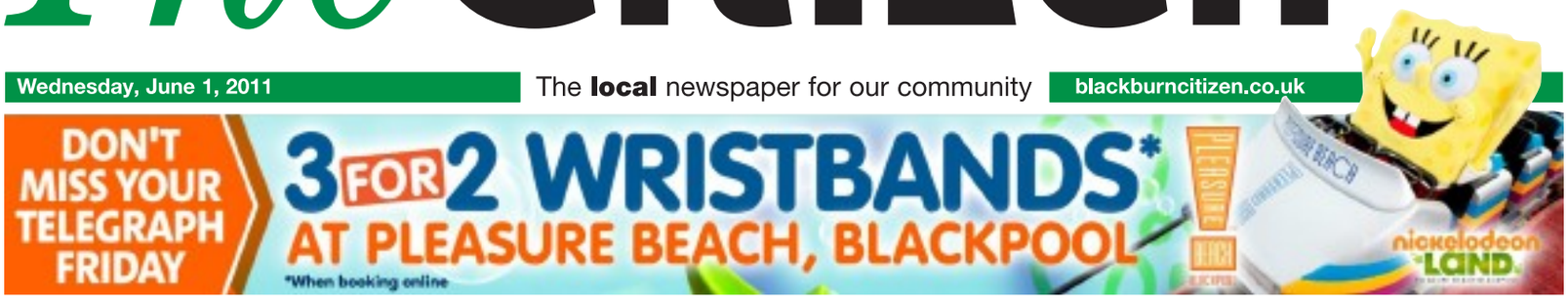

Call to take life-saving appeal to our hearts

By NEIL DOCKING

£128k goal for essential equipment

The British Heart Foundation has launched a £128,000 appeal to fund essential heart equipment for patients across East Lancashire.

The Heart of Blackburn Appeal aims to raise enough money to pay for a 3D echocardiograph machine for the Royal Blackburn Hospital.

Echocardiographs are specialised tests which look at the structure of the heart. A probe is placed on the chest and a pulse of high frequency sound is passed through the skin.

The echoes reflected by the pulse show as a picture on a screen and the images provide accurate and detailed information about the structure, valves, and pumping action of the heart, helping doctors make more informed, and quicker, diagnoses.

Appeal manager Fiona Turner said: "Heart disease is the UK's biggest killer and we need people to help us to reach this target to buy this equipment.

"This vital initiative can only be made possible through donations of time and money, and there are so many ways people can fundraise for us, from organising a coffee morning, to jumping from an aeroplane.

"I hope everyone will get on board and support us."

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust cardiologist Dr Emily Ho said the cardiology department in Blackburn performed thousands of echocardiograms each year.

She said: "The demand for the investigation continues to increase to assess patients who are short of breath, and those with suspected heart failure, and heart valve problems. The new machine will enable patients to be seen more quickly, and this ultimately saves lives," she added.

Dad-of-two Nick Hartshorne-Evans, from Hapton, was diagnosed with heart failure at the age of 39 and admitted to the coronary care unit at the hospital.

Nick, 40, who has since founded the patient support group Pumping Marvellous, said: "I realised how important a 3D echo machine would be to evaluating heart conditions. This appeal will really help the people of East Lancashire."

To find more call 01623 624558, email dunnb@bhf.org.uk or visit bhf.org.uk/blackburnappeal

SUPPORT GROUP: Nick Hartshorne-Evans

QUICKER DIAGNOSES: The British Heart Foundation's Barbara Dunn with Dr Emily Ho, and one of the 3D echo machines

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MP kicking off for good causes

Hyndburn MP Graham Jones has joined the official parliamentary football team – and even has his sights set on the captain's armband for next season.

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ARTS FESTIVAL

Big names from the world of music, arts, theatre and comedy are appearing at this year's three-week Manchester International Festival.

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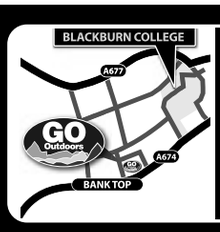

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Charity drive to help Justine's children

A fundraiser is being held to help buy a minibus for the children of **Justine Hargreaves**, who died of cancer last year.

Her sister, Janine, now has an extended family too big for her old family car. The event is at Clayton-le-Moors Conservative Club, at 7.30pm, this Friday.

Vocalist Pauline Pennel and clairvoyant Ivy Love will feature.

Call Mo Collins for tickets on 01254 237803.

Focus on display

Accrington Camera Club is preparing for its annual exhibition at the Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington, from Friday, June 10.

Dinner invitation

Come Dine With Me winner **Nick Holt** will recreate his winning menu at MJs, at The Whitehall Hotel, Darwen, on June 17.

The Darwen plumber has asked the other contestants from the show to come along to the event.

He said: "I loved appearing on the show and this time it might be a bit more daunting with more people giving me their marks out of ten."

The three-course menu costs £17.50 per head.

MP plays on the left wing!

An East Lancashire MP has combined his love of politics and football by joining the official parliamentary team.

Hyndburn MP Graham Jones has played a series of games for the side since taking office last year.

And the big centre-half joined his political colleagues to take on a team of celebrities, including TV presenter Angus Deayton, Brighton and Hove Albion manager Gus Poyet, and comedian Omid Djalili, at Stamford Bridge, to raise £30,000 for charity.

Mr Jones, 45, a Blackburn Rovers season ticket holder, said he even hopes to gain the captain's armband for next season. He said: "We play about one match every month and they are really enjoyable, plus it keeps me fit.

"A lot of the games are for charity, and we pay all of our own expenses, so we try to raise a lot of money and also the profile of the organisations we support. This season we have played games against all sorts of opposition."

The game saw UK Parliamentary FC take on a Cystic Fibrosis Trust XI. The final score was 6-4 to the charity. Ex-professional referee and Sky Sports pundit Dermot Gallagher officiated the match.

The parliamentary team plays goodwill games once a month on Tuesday mornings when Parliament is not sitting.

Of his Labour colleagues, Mr Jones said that Evertonian Andy Burnham was 'a tidy player', while Ed Balls was 'quite decent'.

GAME ON: Graham Jones, right, battles Daniel Gannon at Stamford Bridge

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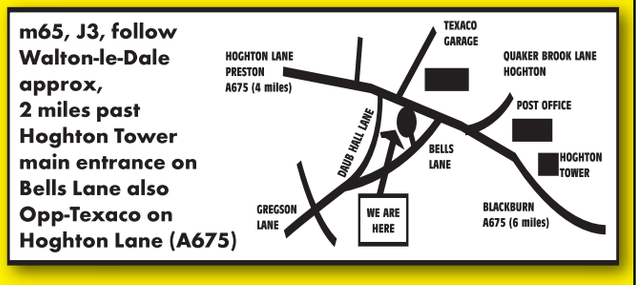

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Spring onto the internet

Free courses are being offered to try and get Hyndburn's older people connected to the internet. The New Era Trust, Eagle Street, Accrington, is joining the national Race Online 2012. Its 'Spring Online' campaign starts with an open day on Wednesday, June 8, 12.30pm-3pm. Free courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays start on June 9.

Happiness is heading in

Ken Dodd is bringing happiness to Oswaldtwistle with a show planned next month. Ken Dodd's Happiness Show arrives on the Civic Theatre's stage on Thursday, June 23, at 7.30pm.

Gallery plea for voters

The Dart gallery, Market Street, Darwen, needs votes to help it win £5,000 in the Co-op Community Funding awards. The gallery, managed by staff and students at Darwen Aldridge Community Academy, supports young people and the community to develop artistic skills. To vote visit www.co-operative.coop/join-the-revolution/dart-gallery

Carnival is 'too good for Peter Andre'

By EMMA CRUCES

Peter Andre turned down the chance to appear at Accrington Carnival because the event is too successful.

Carnival organisers applied to appear on the Australian singer and reality TV star's upcoming show Peter Andre: Here to Help.

ITV2 advertisements said that the programme's makers were particularly interested in putting on a show where Peter helps turn around struggling carnivals, leading Accrington Lions to contact them for help.

They were initially considering coming to Accrington, but ultimately decided that "there wouldn't be a lot for (Peter) to improve".

An email to the carnival's chairman said TV bosses had had a number of meetings considering the idea.

The email from assistant producer Naomi Channell said: "You have had celebrity guests, with good numbers turning up, good floats and raise good money, compared to a lot of other carnivals.

"So this may not be right for the show.

"Our bosses have looked online at pictures of your previous carnivals and they were so impressed they don't see a problem.

"They were praising Accrington for the fact the community turns out to be part of the event and get involved, something that other events don't have."

Carnival's chairman Tracy Simmonds said: "We do have a good plan B for the celebrity guest. And it was a very flattering compliment from ITV2.

"To be told that we have done such a good job that we are too good for Peter Andre is not something that we hear every day!"

■ Peter Andre: Here To Help is expected to broadcast on ITV2 this summer.

Postal scam warning for residents

Residents are being warned not to fall victim to a postal scam, which claims they are entitled to millions of dollars.

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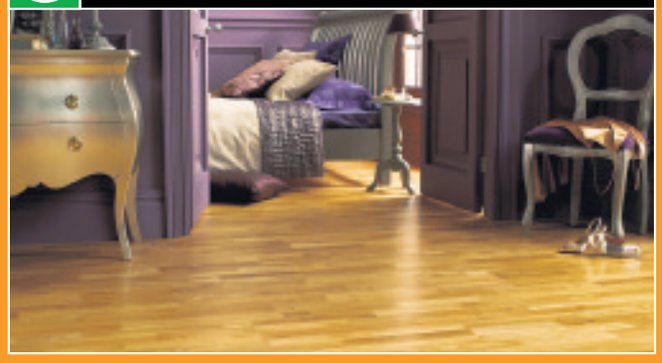

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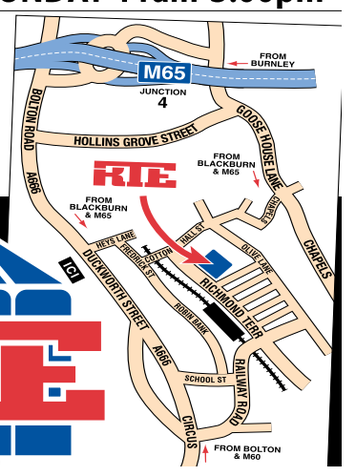

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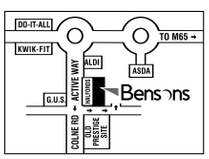

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Drug gear will help hospice

By SAM CHADDERTON

GOOD CAUSE: Equipment found by police at the cannabis farm

Sophisticated hydroponic equipment seized from a purpose-built cannabis factory has been given to charity.

Police donated several dehumidifiers and heaters to the East Lancashire Hospice after uncovering 600 cannabis plants during a raid at a house in Bolton Road, Blackburn.

The plants, discovered this month, had an estimated street value of £240,000.

The equipment will now be sold in the charity's five shops, with all proceeds going to East Lancashire Hospice, which provides specialist, supportive and end-of-life care for patients and their families.

Sergeant Paul Schofield said: "This property would otherwise have been destroyed, so I am delighted we could offer it to this worthwhile cause."

Dawn Neary, East Lancashire Hospice retail manager, said: "To enable us to continue this work, we need to raise almost £2.8million every year, which is just over £7,500 per day. This is not an easy task, but we are confident that with the help of our supporters we will achieve this."

Our sister newspaper, The Lancashire Telegraph, has also launched its Raise the Roof appeal, with the aim of raising £125,000 to build a new roof for the inpatients' unit.

The donated equipment was found in a detached house which police believe was built solely to produce vast amounts of cannabis.

■ A 41-year-old man arrested on suspicion of cannabis cultivation is on police bail.

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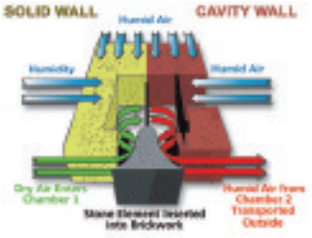

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Singer releases debut album

Alice Gold is a singer-songwriter from London. She released her debut single Orbiter last September, and her second single Runaway Love was A-listed on Radio 2. Her debut album Seven Rainbows will be released on July 4.

60 SECONDS WITH ... ALICE GOLD

WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING THE GUITAR?
When I was about 13, but I started singing and writing songs way before that. My dad gave me a guitar one Christmas because he heard me singing these songs to myself, and he thought I needed an instrument to go with them. I wasn't very good, and I had lessons and, although my teacher was really good, I didn't really learn the things I wanted.

SO YOU TAUGHT YOURSELF?
Yes, I did in the end. Then I started learning how to write songs on it. I just wanted to write my own stuff from an early age.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST SONG YOU WROTE?
I do, actually. I think it's a great pop song too, but it wasn't until about a year after I wrote it that I realised that the chorus was the theme tune to Question Of Sport, which must've been on TV at home and I sucked in the melody. There's no way I could release that.

IS IT SIMILAR WHEN YOU WRITE SONGS NOW?
I think it happens to everyone, and there was this song recently where I was convinced I'd stolen something, but I played it to loads of people and no-one recognised it. It can work the other way too, you see. I guess it was just a classic-sounding song I'd written! Some melodies just have that feel, don't they?

What's on

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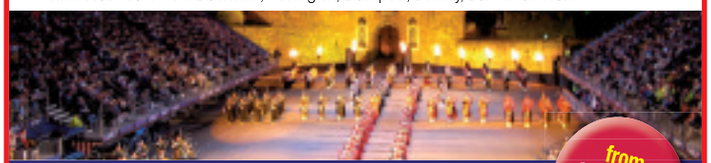

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City showcases arts

BIG NAMES: Clockwise, from bottom left, Bjork, Snoop Dogg and Johnny Vegas

By ANNA MANSELL

Household names from the world of music, arts, theatre and comedy are to descend on the North West for this year's three-week Manchester International Festival (MIF), from June 30 until July 17.

Blur and the Gorillaz's Damon Albarn have teamed up with celebrated director Rufus Norris to create Dr Dee, a new work telling the story of the ultimate Renaissance man Doctor John Dee – astrologer, alchemist, mathematician and spy.

Icelandic pop sensation Bjork is in town for a three-week, six-date residency at Campfield Market Hall, to present multi-media project Biophilia – which will use music, apps, installations and live performance to celebrate how sound works.

And the genre-defining rap star Snoop Dogg presents his 1993 album Doggystyle in its entirety – featuring the original artists – in an already sold-out date at the O2 Apollo.

Festival director Alex Poots said: "MIF is a home for major artists to realise their most ambitious projects and we are grateful to them for entrusting their work to us."

Alongside international stars, some of the North West's most popular artists are also taking part.

From the world of comedy, Johnny Vegas returns to the MIF to follow up his 2007 success with a week's run at the Pavilion Theatre, Albert Square.

And the ever-popular Victoria Wood has written and directed new production That Day We Sang – a Manchester love story, at the Opera House.

● For the full line-up and ticket details, visit www.mif.co.uk

Cinema round-up

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (U) There's sibling rivalry before a contrived sequence forces brothers to fib for each other and ultimately lays the foundations for a lasting friendship.

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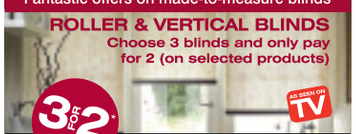

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